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## COLONEL RALPH MILLER



### NV WING COMMANDER

All of us in Nevada Wing are very proud of the Nellis Composite Squadron. It has always been one of the most active squadrons in the Wing and was justly recognized at our recent Wing Conference. I want to express my appreciation to the cadets, the seniors and the parents – all of whom play a vital role in the success of the squadron.

One of my key goals for Nevada Wing is to provide even more opportunities for our cadets. For the past couple of years we have not been able to offer a summer encampment in Nevada, and we are aggressively building the infrastructure to be able to restore this important activity. The purpose of an encampment is to provide a leadership experience for the cadets, and it is vital to have a cadre of cadet officers who can actually run the encampment. The role of the Seniors is to provide oversight and supervision.

This summer we will partner with California Wing in a targeted program which will provide leadership slots for Nevada cadets, and with this trained group we will reinstate the Nevada summer encampment in 2010.

We are also committed to offering a winter encampment opportunity and at least one cadet special activity in Nevada.

Another point of focus is to get our cadets more involved in Emergency Services. This is important for two reasons. First, Emergency Services offers interesting and challenging jobs for cadets, and our cadets deserve the opportunity to participate. And second, our cadets are an important resource that we must train and offer to our communities.

NCS has 39 cadet members, and less than 1/3 of them hold a General Emergency Services rating – the basic rating needed to participate. There is only one single ground team qualified cadet (congratulations C/2d Lt Crisp), and there are no mission staff assistant or mission radio operator qualified cadets. >>>

This is an enormous opportunity to start a new project at NCS and offer new and exciting challenges to our cadets.

The cadet program is a great program, and NCS is doing a great job. My goal is help NCS and the entire cadet program reach even greater heights.

Ralph L. Miller, Col, NV CAP Commander

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Brig. Gen. Kevin McLaughlin,**  
**USAF**

The General and his Wife, Victoria and their 2 sons, Andrew and William are members of CAP NCS.

## Warfare Center vice-commander receives his star

By Staff Sgt. Aileen Carter  
Nellis Public Affairs BULLSEYE  
NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev.

– Nellis Airmen, family and friends gathered at the Thunderbird hangar to celebrate the promotion of the United States Air Force Warfare Center's vice-commander, Col. Kevin McLaughlin, to brigadier general Feb. 6.

The presiding officer of this event was Lt. Gen. William L. Shelton, chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, who knew then 2nd Lt. McLaughlin at his first assignment at Cheyenne Mountain Complex, Colo.

"If you laid our values side-by-side, you'll see a lot of similarities," General Shelton said. "We were together at the same orientation, same real estate, very similar kinds of career - but he's done it better. But there are three things about him: character, he's a man of action and a man of courage."

The promotion ceremony was marked by memories of General McLaughlin's accomplishments throughout his career.



USAF PHOTO airman 1st Class Brett Clashman

The United States Air Force Warfare Center vice-commander, Brig. Gen. Kevin McLaughlin takes the Oath of Office from retired Lt. Col. Marshall Patterson in the Thunderbird hangar at Nellis AFB, Nev., Feb. 6. The Oath of Office is taken to reaffirm one's duty or following a promotion.

The one star rank insignia was a gift from Col. Ed Wilson, commander of the Space Development and Test Wing at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., and was flown aboard a space shuttle in honor of its previous commander, then Colonel McLaughlin.

Mrs. Victoria McLaughlin, General McLaughlin's wife, pinned General McLaughlin's stars. His children, Meredith, Andrew, William and Bryson changed out his epaulets to reflect the new rank.

Retired Lt. Col. Marshall Patterson, who commissioned then 2nd Lt. McLaughlin, was present to give the Oath of Office to Gen. McLaughlin.

"The Airmen [I've had a chance to work with] - they are the fuel and power of our organization," General McLaughlin said. "We get it done because we have the best people in the world."

Brig. Gen. McLaughlin came to Nellis in April of last year with his family from Kirtland Air Force Base, where he was the commander of the Space Development and Test Wing and the Operationally Responsive Space Office director.

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## CONGRATULATIONS MAJOR STEVE ESH

The Major is congratulated for his promotion to Major by Commander Jadwin. Major Esh



has over 20 years of CAP Aerospace Education experience. He is well known for his instruction in Ground Schools and other

**OUTSTANDING** (rated) Aerospace Education programs. Also very active in weapons firing training. Major Esh's lectures

are always **PROFESSIONAL** which is his career.....

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### **Reservists/Active Duty and CAP officers pull together for CAP cadets**

There is no better example of the close cooperation between the Civil Air Patrol, the USAF Reserves, and the active duty Air Force than what takes place at the more than 30 national cadet special activities offered every summer. And no activity has a warmer relationship between the Air Force and CAP than the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) familiarization course held every summer at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

Reservists took turns with CAP **Capt. Steve Esh** of the Nevada Wing providing instruction in a classroom in the same building and adjacent to classes being held at the same time for some of the Air Force's newest active duty officers. Subjects covered by the cadets included jet engines, aerodynamics, energy management, visual flight rules planning, instrument flight rules planning, operation limits/boldface and aerospace physiology.

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<http://sercap.us/resources/18/Volunteer%20Sept-Oct%20Cooperation.pdf>

## BASIC ORM COURSE



### **Operational Risk Management**

**Lt Col Glen Church**  
**CAP Director of Safety**

To all commanders and safety officers. this will count as a safety meeting. Please inform all members.

On behalf of Col Letteer, CAP/SE, Your National Safety Team has completed the on-line Basic ORM Course. We would like **all members to complete this course** to gain a better understanding of what is required for their everyday use of ORM.

The course is made up of PowerPoint slides followed by a 20 question on-line test. The course and test may be accessed by going to the **ORM link** on the National Safety web page at;

<http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/safety/>

This course will be followed up by the Intermediate Level Course designed for Senior Mission Base and FRO's, and the Executive Level Course designed for Commanders. These courses are in final preparation and should be online in the next few weeks.

Regards,  
**Lyle E. Letteer, Jr., Col,**  
**CAP National Safety Officer**

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**LAST NCS MEETING OF THE MONTH**  
**TUES FEB 24, 2009 6:30PM**  
**Airman Leadership School, Nellis AFB**  
**SEE YOU THERE**

